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Subject

: Planned Trans-shipment of Turkish Copper to Poland

1. Lucien Schwarm of Warmex S.A., Geneva, has contracted for the sale of 6,000 tons of Turkish copper to Poland. (Washington Comment: Despatch 53, dated 2 Feb 54, from the American Consulate General in Basel stated that Schwarm was in Warsaw negotiating the sale of 1,500 tons of Turkish copper to the Soviet Bloc. Warmex S.A., 32 Rue De Zurich, Geneva, was reported in PD-330 in connection with a copper shipment to the USSR). All negotiations took place in Geneva. Copper is to be shipped from Iskenderon to Rijeka, Yugoslavia, ostensibly consigned to Intertrade of Lubljana. Copper will, however, not be unloaded at Rijeka and ship will continue with its cargo to Gdynia.

2. Turkish Export license has been obtained on the basis of Yugoslav import license which was allegedly obtained by Intertrade without the Yugoslav authorities having any knowledge of the planned diversion. (Washington Comment: Issuance of Turkish copper export license to Yugoslavia, and of Yugoslav import license would appear unusual since Yugoslavia is one of main producers of copper and exports copper to Western Europe.)

3. First shipment of 2,000 tons is due to leave Iskenderon between 18 and 25 Feb. further shipments of 2,000 tons each are scheduled in March and April.

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